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New Dog Park to Open in Centreville Area

The gates will officially open at the Quinn Farm Park off-lease dog area located in Centreville on Saturday, March 18, at 11 a.m. Ribbon cutting ceremonies will celebrate the culmination of community efforts to create this new facility and mark the beginning of daily operations. The dog park is sponsored by Centreville Dogs, a non-profit organization which will operate it and the Fairfax County Park Authority which built the facility and owns the park.

The dog park is located at 15150 Old Lee Road, approximately one eighth mile north of the intersection of Old Lee and Braddock roads. The facility features a separate large-dog area of one and one quarter acres and a small-dog area of one sixth acres. The off-leash area is enclosed with black vinyl coated chain link fence, offers benches, doggie bag dispensers and an information kiosk. The park is open seven days a week during daylight hours. Construction was accomplished through a Mastenbrook matching grant funded in the 2004 bond referendum and contributions from Centreville Dogs.

The Park Authority welcomes leashed dogs in all of its parks. Owners of well-mannered canines, who enjoy a good run or a friendly romp, can take advantage of Park Authority dog parks - fenced areas where unleashed dogs can have free play. At present, there are five established dog parks.

All of the dog parks are public/private partnerships, developed in cooperation with sponsoring organizations of pet owners. The sponsors are the agency's liaison between users and local residents, Animal Control and the Police Department. They monitor and clean up the facilities, publicize dog park rules and regulations and report maintenance needs to the Park Authority.

For more information regarding dog parks in Fairfax County visit us online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/offleash.htm>. For more information about the ceremonies call the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662. You can visit Centreville Dogs online at Centrevilledogs.org.

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